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Welcome New EAARS Members!

Gregory - W7HRC

Pete - KA7TUR

EAARS Open Repeaters

PL 141.3 unless noted otherwise

Echolink: 614350 **IRLP:** 7787

Heliograph Peak at Safford, AZ:

146.860, 440.700 Linked
146.900

Jacks Peak at Silver City, NM:

145.210 Linked

West Peak at Ft Thomas, AZ:

145.350 Access to link to network

Pinal Peak at Globe, AZ:

145.410 Linked

South Mt at Alpine, AZ:

145.270 Linked

Caballo Mt at TorC, NM:

145.470 Linked

Greens Peak at Show Low, AZ

146.700 Linked

Little Florida at Deming, NM:

147.060 Linked

Mule Mt at Bisbee, AZ:

147.080 Linked

Mt Lemmon at Tucson, AZ

147.160 Linked

Guthrie Peak at Clifton, AZ:

147.280 Linked

Gals on the Air!

Calling all Gals of any class ... Join us every Monday night for the
Gals Night Net @ 7:30 pm (AZ) on the EAARS system!

Upcoming Events

*Would You like to see your event posted for the membership to see?
Email your information to emberfire@cox.net.*

October 15, 2016 - Las Cienegas Equestrian Endurance Race
October 15, 2016 The Socorro Ham Fest in Socorro, NM
October 16, 2016 - Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Tucson
October 16, 2016 - Semi-Annual Tucson Ham Picnic @ Reid Park #15
November 19, 2016 - El Tour Tucson

WEEKLY EAARS' NETS

Every day:

*Down Under Net - 4:15 am
Weather Net - 5:30 am
NTS Traffic Net - 6:30 pm*

Sunday:

EAARS Net - 7:00 pm

Monday:


Gals Night Net - 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

*Skywarn Net - During Monsoon, Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm,
Off Season, every second Wednesday of month at 7:30 pm*

Saturday:

*ERC (Emergency Response Communications) Net -8:45 am ,
2nd Saturday of the month (20-25 min duration)*



**Antonio KG7YTS is trying to
start a Youth Net on Saturdays
at 5:30pm, here on EAARS.
Get your kids on the and let's
support this youth net!!**

The Adventures of Boy Scout Troop 157

Boy Scout Troop 157 and WN7BSA were at it again during the weekend of September 16th through the morning of the 18th. That weekend we camped out at Cochise Stronghold. This was the first time that our troop ever camped at that location, and WOW . . . what a great time we had.

On Friday night the scouts started a "no matches allowed" campfire. In less than a minute, the campfire was started . . . no matches used, and better still, no Dads helping. "Let the kids do it themselves."

On Saturday morning the youngsters learned and practiced their geocaching skills while hiking the mountain trails. In the afternoon, the older scouts taught the younger scouts the Totin' Chip course or how to use knives and firewood-cutting tools safely. For some of the younger scouts, this was the first time ever that they touched and used a bowsaw, a hatchet, and an axe.

Now, where does amateur radio and EAARS fit into this? There wasn't a glimmer of cell phone service in that box canyon, and that whole doggone place had "SNAKES" written all over it, i.e., tall green grass, a little used park that had just opened, two streams with running water, etc. The chances of a rattlesnake encounter were in reality slim to none, but we like to have our emergency bases covered. (We did have a snake encounter; I and Scout Tyler S. spotted a small garter snake in a shallow pool.)

Where else did EAARS fit in? When the call goes out from WN7BSA, "This is WN7BSA, Whiskey November Seven Boy Scouts of America, WN7BSA. Anyone around for a short QSO?", you don't know the boy (or girl) I am putting on the microphone. Most of the time the youngster is just like "the Beaver or his brother Wally" (some of us do remember Leave It To Beaver). However sometimes, the youngster may be a "special needs" boy or girl. That was the case on Saturday afternoon.

One of our new scouts, an absolutely wonderful young man named Jack, is shy and a bit timid in a new situation. He is slightly autistic. Late on Saturday afternoon, he made the WN7BSA call for a QSO and Mike, K7BUM answered. Our young Jack and Mike had a conversation for 6 or 7 minutes. When the QSO was over, Jack had a smile from ear to ear. Amateur radio made Jack very happy and his Dad very proud.

This coming October 15th, WN7BSA will be active in the international Jamboree On The Air (JOTA), both on VHF and on HF. This coming November, we will be "maritime mobile" from Lake Patagonia. Listen for us!

Respectfully submitted by Joe, K3TYE.

You are so awesome with the kids and we appreciate all you do for the them! Keep up the good work. We like you keeping us updated on your adventures! Thank you, Joe!



EAARS MEMBERS ALWAYS HAVE A GREAT TIME

It was a great day for a picnic. The EAARS picnic was held on September Saturday 17th at the Discovery Park near Safford Az. The setting alone, makes a great place for any picnic. But when a bunch of Ham Radio Operators and their family and guests get together and have a picnic, you know it's going to be good. Great people, great food and a nice setting was the experience on September 17th at "The Barn" at Discovery Park. Hams from various places including Arizona, New Mexico and beyond came out and spent the day seeing each other or meeting each other. It's great to put a face with the voice. And many familiar faces and new faces were present.

If you enjoy a great steak, this was the place to be. Just one of the perks of being a member of EAARS. I saw Rick – W5CF and Robyn – KF5SOF doing a wonderful job cooking up the steaks. There may have been others that were cooking, but those were the two I saw. Thanks to any other Grill Tenders. Mine was cooked PERFECTLY. Also, the side dishes were excellent also. You did not leave the picnic hungry.

After a very quick business meeting, the drawing for RSVPing to the picnic was held and won by Dave – AC7DS. Congratulations to Dave for winning the \$100 gift card from HRO. I know he was pretty excited about it. Dave and his wife Brenda – N3QVK traveled from Tucson to be at the picnic.

If you are interested in seeing ALL the photos, they can be seen on the EAARS Facebook page at [facebook.com/k7ear](https://www.facebook.com/k7ear). Just locate PHOTOS and enjoy. Posting pictures here took too much memory. And no you do not have to have an account to view them.

I'm sure we all are looking forward to next September and another great picnic. I've enjoyed all the ones I've been to and looking forward to many more.

Thanks to ALL that had any part of putting on this picnic. You all are so appreciated.



Tucson Ham Radio Picnic Time

It's Picnic Time Again...

If you went to the EAARS picnic and didn't get enough of the picnic experience and want more, then the Tucson Ham Radio Picnic is your answer. The Tucson Ham Radio Picnic will take place on

Sunday, October 16th
Reid Park, Ramada #15 (Tucson)
Gathering starts at 11 am

Ramada #15 is located off of Country Club. Look for the entry way called Picnic Place just north of 22nd street on Country Club.

The Tucson Ham Radio Picnic was created by Terry - KB5B (sk) who believed that Hams should have an Eyeball to Eyeball gathering twice a year. A core group of us promised Terry that we would continue to carry on his creation well into the future. Terry's one wish was that the picnic would never be part of any club or organization. So, it's simply called, The Tucson Ham Radio Picnic.

The picnic will be a "Bring Your Own Picnic Basket". Traditionally we have had a potluck, but even though the Arizona laws on Potlucks have been relaxed, it's been decided to hold one additional BYOPB. This should include your lunch, drinks, ice, table, and chairs. No set time for lunch. Eat when you want. Our sign in list will contain a ballot to let us know if you wish to keep it a "Bring Your Own Picnic Basket" or go back to the traditional potluck for future picnics.

The Days In The Park operators will be setting up various stations to demo to the public what Ham Radio is all about. Feel free to bring your field station and join in on the fun. You must supply your own source of power for your station.

Talk in will be on 146.520 Simplex. This is a family event. Enjoy an afternoon with the whole family in the park. Pets are welcome, but must follow posted park rules.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Tucson Ham Radio Picnic. Sunday, October 16th at Reid Park, Ramada #15. We usually start gathering around 11am. The Ramada is reserved all day. See you there.

Visit our Facebook page at
www.tucsonhampicnic.com

Chris - N7JND
Angie - N7EMB
Don - KD7UIZ



***This picnic is always held in the memory of
Terry Hashman - KB5B and his wife, Dee Hashman - KE7BYP.
Both are now Silent Keys. Y'all have fun up in Heaven!***

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Bob	KD7LMV	3rd Sunday
Chris	N7JND	4th Sunday
Karl	N7DMA	5th Sunday and fill in



Vail Vaquero's 4H Ham Radio Club Update by Lani N3IDN

We have a new member this year. His name is Joe and he is looking forward to getting licensed. He will be taking Joe's (K3TYE) class next month with the boy scouts.

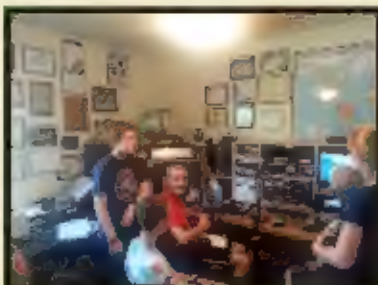
This month we went out to Ft Bowie with EAARS and helped out with the Centennial Celebration. It was a beautiful day and the kids had a good time. We were able to assist the Rangers with a few medical emergencies. Sitka's dad Brian (KG7WVH) was able to guide the rangers to where the patient was because their two way radio's were not working.

This month we also visited Carl Foster's (KB7AZ) ham shack for a SSTV presentation. This year we will be focusing on SSTV and completing our MORSE Code alphabet.

Next month several of the kids will be assisting Joe, K3TYE, with a JOTA event. Some of the 4h'ers are participating on the youth nets on Saturdays and Sundays.

We wanted to thank EAARS for their support of the all the kids and for the use of their repeaters.

Vail Vaquero's 4H Ham Radio Club



Socorro Hamfest (Free Admission)

NM Fire Fighters Academy, Socorro, NM
Saturday, October 15, 2016
8 AM — 2 PM

Pre-Hamfest Events

Ham's Tour of the VLA: Friday, Oct. 14,
1:00 PM, at the VLA site, 60 miles
West of Socorro on Highway 60.
Hamfest Banquet: Friday, Oct. 14,
6:00 PM; Speaker: Dave WD5COV
"Intrepid DX Group - VP8 Expedition"

Hamfest Events (preliminary)

0730: "talks/swap meet setup"
0800: Using W5JW
0800: ARRL Forum
0800: QSLing 101
1100: State ARCS/FACES meeting
1100: VE registration
1200: VE exam (ARRL VEC)
1230: Q-STAR Admin

Fantastic Prizes

All Yours

FT-402 HF/HF Base
FT-7900 VHF/HF Mobile
FT-100 VHF/HF HT
FT-80 VHF/HF HT

Half-Hourly* Prizes

Commercial Vendors
Silent Auction

Breakfast and Lunch Available
Tailgating: \$10.00 per space
Swap Meet: \$10.00 per table
*must be present in wire/mo. half-hourly prizes

Same Great Venue As Last Year for Hamfest Banquet
Great Speaker !!

The banquet is once again at the Bede's Super Company, 500 N. California Street, near Radio Shack. Dave Jorgensen, WD5COV will speak about his recent adventure with the Intrepid-DX Group expedition to South Sandwich and South Georgia Islands. The meal will be a sit-down dinner. Special dietary needs can be accommodated upon request. See the SARA web page at <http://www.socorroam.org> for details and to reserve space.

More information and Directions on Our Website:

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Happy Halloween!



*Of all the "attitudes" we can
acquire, surely the attitude
of gratitude is the most
important and by far the
most life-changing.*

2017 ARCA Young Ham of the Year (from the ARCA website)

Nominations for the 2017 ARCA Young Ham of the Year are currently being solicited. Nominees must be under the age of 18 years and should have made contributions to the hobby. Letters of nominations must be made by an ARCA Affiliated Club on club stationery and signed by a club officer (not related to the nominee). The letter should list the reason(s) the club feels the nominee is deserving of the honor. Nominations must be received by ARCA no later than May 1, 2017 to allow time for compilation of the nominations, voting, and plaque preparation. Voting is done by the last 11 recipients of the Ham of the Year award. Results will be announced at the 2017 July hamfest.

Letters of nomination should be sent U S Mail to:

ARCA - Young Ham of the Year Award
16845 N 29th Ave., #312
Phoenix, AZ 85053-3041

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